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COUNTY ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HELP THROUGH CRISIS LINE

Referrals Now Offered 24/7 for Alcohol or Drug Treatment Services

On April 1, 2006, the Health and Human Services Agency launched the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Access and Crisis Line to help county residents seeking assistance with alcohol and drug or mental health issues. Professional counselors answer the calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist callers through their crises and refer them to appropriate services. Assistance is available in Spanish and other languages.

The BHS Access and Crisis Line is operated through a contract by United Behavioral Health, which has operated the line for Mental Health Services for the past 8 ½ years. To better address the needs of the community, the line was expanded to incorporate local alcohol and drug services.

The toll-free phone number for the BHS Access and Crisis Line is 1-800-479-3339.

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